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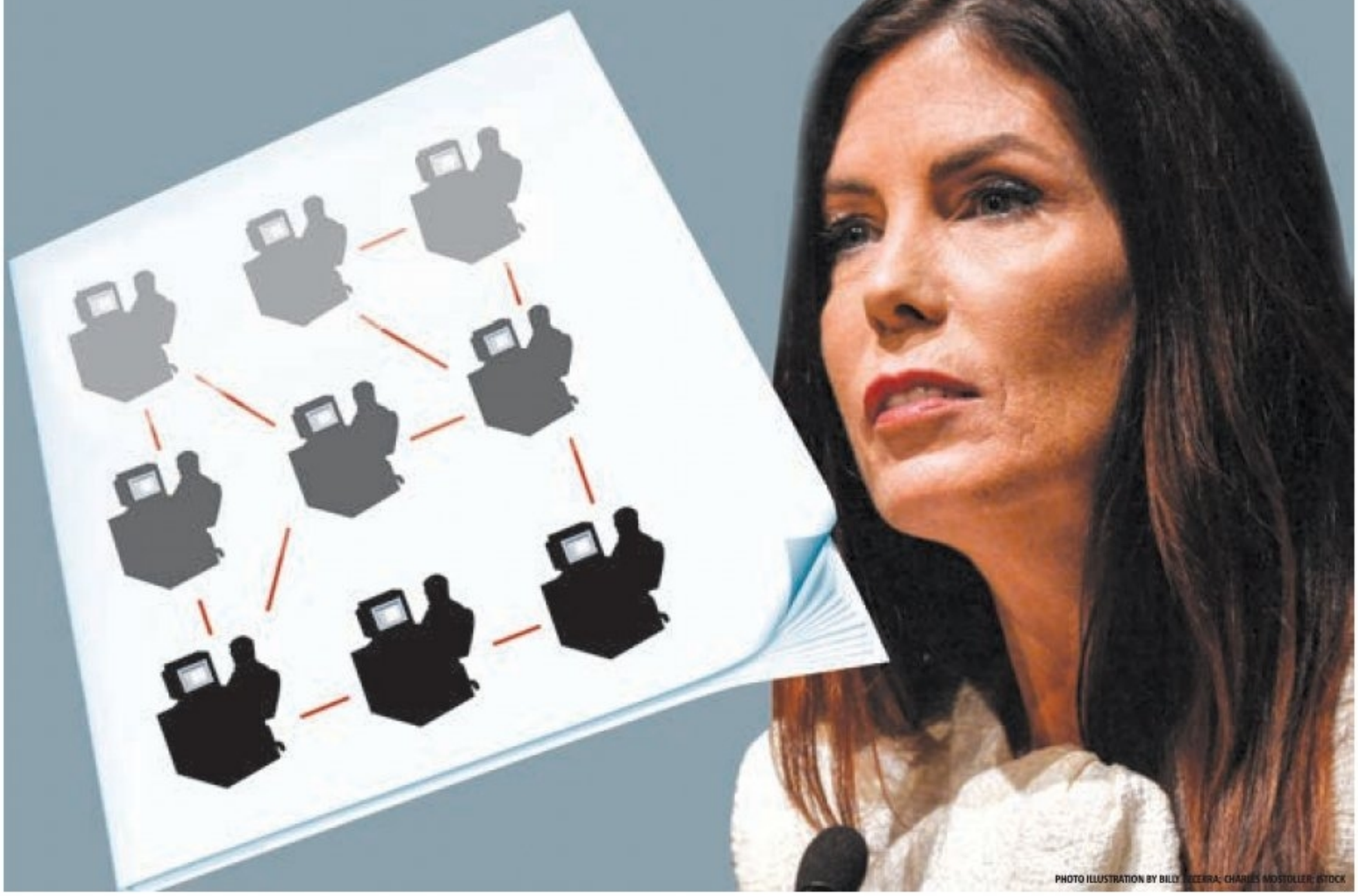

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2 THINGS YOU NEED TO KNOW

TWO UNITED AIRLINES PILOTS HELD ON ALCOHOL CHARGE IN SCOTLAND

Two United Airlines pilots were arrested on suspicion of being under the influence of alcohol in Scotland on Saturday as they were about to fly to the United States, police and the airline said. Police Scotland said the two men, aged 35 and 45, were detained under a section of the Railways and Transport Safety Act which covers carrying out pilot function or activity whilst exceeding the prescribed limit of alcohol. The men are expected to appear in court in Paisley, near Glasgow, on Monday. The flight from Glasgow to Newark Airport, New Jersey, carrying 141 passengers, eventually took off nearly 10 hours late on Saturday evening with a new crew, the airline said. United said two pilots had been removed from service and their flying duties. "We're collaborating with the authorities and will conduct our own investigation," said spokeswoman Erin Benson. "The safety of our customers is our highest priority."

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IRAN ARRESTS NUCLEAR NEGOTIATOR SUSPECTED OF SPYING

2 Iran has arrested a member of the negotiating team that reached a landmark nuclear deal with world powers on suspicion of spying, a judiciary spokesman said on Sunday. The suspect was released on bail after a few days in jail but is still under investigation, Gholamhossein Mohseni Ejei said at a weekly news conference, calling the unidentified individual a "spy who had infiltrated the nuclear team," state media reported. The deal that President Hassan Rouhani struck last year has given Iran relief from most international sanctions in return for curbing its nuclear program, but it is opposed by hardliners who see it as a capitulation to the United States. Ejei was responding to a question about an Iranian lawmaker's assertion last week that a member of the negotiation team who had dual nationality had been arrested on espionage charges.

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Kids enjoyed the water of Sacks pool at 4th and Washington in South Philly. CHARLES MOSTOLLER

A LABOR OF LOVE THIS COMING HOLIDAY

Bolaris' Weather Watch

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After this scorching summer, it's my weather pleasure to inform you that a gorgeous Canadian air mass will descend upon the entire Northeast just in time for your getaway Labor Day festivities, as yet another summer for the record books across much of the nation turns the page toward the autumn season.

Record heat with unprecedented warmth globally will be the case when the final analysis of this summer is in. The politics of global warming might once again start to "heat up" as the presidential race (aka reality show) spins its finale come this November, with my prediction of record-setting mud-slinging dominating the headlines.

And, yes, with the arrival of cooler air come this Labor Day weekend so will thoughts of football. Patriot fans, I feel for you, as one of the worst decisions in the entire history of the NFL was the suspension of Mr. Football himself, Thomas Edward Patrick "Tom Brady Jr.," for Deflategate, which has really taken the wind/air out of the first four weeks of football in Patriotland.

Anyway, this endless summer will continue through the midweek as temperatures from Philly to NYC still flirt with the 90-degree mark. However, by Thursday the coolest and driest package of air will start to dive into the Northeast with a couple of scattered boomers on Thursday and then — plop, plop, fizz, fizz, oh, what a relief it is — golden sunshine and deep blue skies, combined with very little in the way of humidity, will paint the atmosphere right through your entire holiday weekend.

Keeping an eye on the tropics

Hurricane Gaston, which has been fluctuating between tropical storm status and hurricane status, will make a strong Northeast turn and any land masses will remain out of harm's way.

One disturbance off the Southeast coast could become a bit more organized, but even if it does strengthen some, it will push westward across the Carolinas in the short term as a minor system.

A tropical system near the Bahamas could develop into a tropical storm as it continues to move into the Gulf of Mexico.

Long-range computer models are indicating strong tropical development near the Leeward Islands by late this week.

Here's the local forecast for the upcoming Labor Day weekend:

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Preserving Philly's data

Data on the web is a lot more changeable that data in books. GETTY IMAGES

Even the internet doesn't preserve everything.

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The internet is forever — but only with a lot of maintenance.

Temple University Libraries has received a grant to research on how to better protect important data that is posted on the web. They want to simplify the process on permanently hosting data on online information hubs, such Open Data Philly (Open dataphilly.org.) When information becomes a part of the data portal, it can be lost because the owners might change a URL, update a site or delete it entirely.

"Open Data Philly doesn't keep a copy of the data if the URL changes or if the data merges with another set," says Chad Nelson a senior digital library applications developer. "It brought me to a broader problem that while Open Data Philly is great focal point, there isn't really a preservation aspect."

"They are putting it out there, but there isn't a long term commitment to the durability of that information," says Dean of Temple Libraries Joe Lucia.

Lucia, Nelson and the rest of their team plan to conduct the research and report back to other libraries and institutions that may go through similar processes.

"Data says a lot about the history of a place," says Knight Foundation Director of Media Innovation Program Chris Barr. "There's transparency and accountability, and how we understand the past as we make decisions for the future."

Open Data Philly, a nonprofit, was created in 2011 to gather all the available data about the city in one online place. The city of Philadelphia established an open data policy in 2012. Control over the portal has changed a few times in the last few years between the city of Philadelphia and its original creator, software development firm Azavea. Azavea currently updates and maintains the portal where the civic data can be accessed.

"Government is most effective when citizens are engaged," says Azavea CEO Robert Cheetham. "By opening data or giving people the ability to interact with or even improve that data, we get better government."

The Knight Foundation has contributed funds to maintaining Open Data Philly in the past. The Knight News Challenge on Libraries awarded to the grant to Temple earlier this summer.

Nelson and his team at Temple will use the grant money to figure out an exact process of future-proofing civic data. But he needs to figure out a few details and processes before he can really start this research.

"Moving forward, there's a legitimate need to have archival versions of this data available — so how does one address this kind of concern?" says Cheetham. "It may seem like a policy question, but it's a technology question."

"With any kind of archiving there's questions around intellectual property and rights," says Nelson. "Even if we can get a copy of [some information], can we make it publicly available? We're going to do a lot of research on what we can back up and preserve."

Because of the massive amount of information available and how it needs to be dealt with, some of the research will involve narrowing down the information that is a priority for preservation.

"No collector collects everything — you have to select," says Lucia.

"It brought me to a broader problem that while Open Data Philly is a great focal point, there isn't really a preservation aspect."

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Clinton's campaign in Pa. still 'fighting like we're 10 points behind'

Despite significant lead in state polls over GOP opponent Donald Trump, Clinton campaign still working to court voters.

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With just about 75 days until the 2016 presidential election, Democratic nominee Hillary Clinton appears to have secured a sizable lead in polls in battleground state Pennsylvania — with little evidence her opponent is even organizing to fight back.

Despite Donald Trump's vice presidential candidate Mike Pence getting a much publicized haircut at a barbershop in Norristown on Monday, and visits by the candidate to factories and rallies around the state, some are criticizing the campaign's efforts to win the state.

Trump previously polled at a near-tie in Pennsylvania with Clinton, making the state's 20 electoral votes that much more precious. But in the wake of the summer's political conventions, Clinton is polling far ahead of Trump in the state.

But the Clinton campaign isn't taking the latest Quinnipiac polls showing it ahead by 10 points at 52-42 as a sign it can expect an inevitable victory in November, supporters said.

"It's actually the opposite," said Marlon Marshall, director of states and political engagement for the Clinton campaign, who was in Philadelphia checking up on operations this week. "We're fighting like we're 10 points behind."

Clinton organizers and volunteers working out of more than three dozen campaign offices statewide are still knocking on doors and calling potential votes to secure a win in November despite their advantage in polls, Marshall said.

"When you're running against an untraditional candidate, it is important that you don't stray off-course yourself," he said.

In June, Politico reported the Trump campaign was "missing in action" in Pennsylvania. The Intercept reported the campaign spends twice as much on hats and merchandise as on campaign staff. Donald Trump's campaign has three offices in the state, in Southpoint outside Pittsburgh, in Mechanicsburg and in Conshohocken.

Montgomery County Commissioner Joe Gale, a Trump supporter, said one voter drove to a campaign office to get Trump yard signs, but no one was there.

"I'm very disappointed in the ground team that the Trump campaign has in Pennsylvania," said Gale, who attended campaign events in Conshohocken and Bucks County this week.

"It's not too late to change the ground game, to make sure people have signs, have key ballots, are getting registered to vote," Gale said. "We haven't had the three presidential debates yet. Once those debates happen, then you'll have an idea where Pennsylvania' going. I think then you'll see a change."

The Trump campaign defended its strategy in the state.

"Throughout Pennsylvania we have implemented a comprehensive voter-contact program," said Trump campaign senior adviser David Urban in a statement. "From Philadelphia and its suburbs to the rural towns in the T of the state to inner-city Pittsburgh our dedicated volunteers and field staff consistently hear that Mr. Trump's message of empowerment, strengthening our military, and expanding economic opportunities to all Americans is resonating. Our already strong support in Pennsylvania will continue to grow because Mr. Trump's message connects so well to voters."

The absence of their opponent's ground forces is not lost on the Clinton campaign, Marshall said.

"I'm sure they'll start to put organizers on the ground soon, but organizing is something that takes time," Marshall said. "It's not something you can do overnight. Even if he were to put a bunch of staff on the ground now, he's behind. We believe we're building infrastructure that is going to be helpful and put us over the top in November."

In the meantime, the Donald Trump campaign seems to be stuck in a slump, which NBC News characterized as a "nosedive."

"He continues to use rhetoric that shows he doesn't have the temperament to be president," Marshall said of Trump. "But we also have to continue to give voters a reason *to* vote."

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Porngate report could be Kathleen Kane's ticking time bomb of revenge

Porngate report's release delayed again as hundreds of state employees face implication in scandal.

Attorney General Kathleen Kane CHARLES MOSTOLLER

Back in February, then-Attorney General Kathleen Kane urged supporters to continue fighting the good ol' boys network in Harrisburg that she claimed conspired to snare her in legal troubles after she discovered the offensive emails swapped on state servers in what is now known as "Porngate."

"When we have accomplished all of that, I will rest peacefully and easily knowing that we have marched into hell for a heavenly cause," Kane said as she announced she would not seek a second term while facing a criminal trial.

Now just days after her resignation following her conviction, her grim prophesy appears like it may come true.

With former prosecutor Bruce Beemer set to step in next week as interim attorney general, Kane's former top deputy, Bruce Castor, has indefinitely delayed the release of a special prosecutor's complete report on Porngate, but that has not stopped the political turmoil.

Castor spoke out Saturday to deny reports that he brokered a deal with unions representing state employees to delay the report's release. The report, under the direction of special prosecutor and former Maryland Attorney General Douglas Gansler, is rumored to publicly implicate hundreds of state employees in sending or receiving graphic or offensive emails.

"A story appeared on Philly.com and, perhaps, elsewhere, stating that my decision to delay issuance of the so-called Gansler report was the result of an agreement between our office and a union," Castor said in a statement Saturday. "No such agreement was made, and the story is in error on this point. No one representing any union ever spoke to me. I made the decision that I did, and I typed and sent the email to all members of OAG notifying them of my decision. The statement that making my decision and sending the email was the result of any sort of agreement is flat out wrong."

Castor sparked an uproar when hundreds of employees in his office got letters last week informing them they were named in the Porngate report and had until 10 a.m. Aug. 29 to respond.

Fraternal Order of Police Lodge #74, which represents narcotics agents at the office, and an unidentified officer went to the Commonwealth Court in Harrisburg with filings to stop the release of the report last week, according to "PennLive."

On Friday Castor was already backpedaling, saying that the Porngate deadline was indefinitely delayed, and that he would protect the identities of those who were named in Porngate.

"The report was not released in May because I was unhappy with it. It was not released in July because I was unhappy with it. There were zero "leaks" in all that time because I had the only copies," Castor wrote in an email to his office released to the press. "So please trust me now when I assure you that I am acutely aware of the damage this information could do, however unwarranted, to many of your reputations. I am proceeding with extreme caution during my few remaining days with this agency."

Kane hired Gansler as special prosecutor last December to conduct the investigation. His mission was to find all graphic, pornographic or racist emails shared on state servers at her office back to 2005, the beginning of former Gov. Tom Corbett's tenure there.

Thirty-eight people are identified as "high-volume" senders and hundreds as low-volume senders in the report, PennLive.com reported.

Association with these emails and the infamous Porngate scandal has already led to the downfall of two Supreme Court justices, as well as several law enforcement officers and prosecutors. Even Kane's arch-rival Frank Fina resisted calls for his termination from the Philadelphia DA's office over his involvement only to quietly resign a few months later.

Castor could be replaced by Beemer as early as next week. The Inquirer reported that incoming interim attorney general Beemer said of the report that every staffer will have "a fair opportunity to look at what they are being accused of."

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Two dead, 41 hurt in bus crash involving Louisiana flood-relief volunteers

Two people died and 41 more were injured when a bus carrying volunteers to help with Louisiana flood relief spun out of control near New Orleans, local media reported Sunday.

St. John the Baptist Fire District Chief Spencer Chauvin died Sunday morning after the charter bus slammed into him as he tried to help victims of another accident, television station WWLTV of New Orleans reported, citing police and parish President Natalie Robottom.

Two other firefighters were injured in the crash and a second person, who has not yet been identified, also died, the television station said.

"It is a sad day in the St. John the Baptist Parish as we lost one of the bravest and most dedicated firefighters that I know," Robottom said in a statement according to the television station.

The bus driver, identified as 37-year-old Denis Amaya Rodriguez, was in custody on suspicion of multiple violations, NBC News reported, citing Louisiana State Police spokeswoman Melissa Matey. Rodriguez, who is from Honduras, was in the U.S. illegally, the network reported, citing Matey.

The accident scene
ACADIAN AMBULANCE TWITTER

Few details were available Sunday afternoon about the cause of the accident. Matey told NBC that 41 people on the bus suffered minor injuries.

A local ambulance company said on Twitter it had transported 38 people to hospitals from the scene of the accident on Interstate 10 near the community of Laplace, about 25 miles northwest of New Orleans. The company, Acadian Ambulance Service, said that a second ambulance company had transported three additional people to hospitals.

The bus, filled with volunteers to help residents recover from massive flooding in Louisiana earlier this month, was traveling westbound on Interstate 10 when it crashed into the fire truck and another vehicle, the television station and other media reported.

As many as 60,600 homes were reported damaged or destroyed in flooding that ravaged 20 parishes, or counties, in the southern part of Louisiana. About 3,000 residents were still living in shelters as of Aug. 22, officials said last week. REUTERS

BRIEF

More bodies located beneath rubble in Italy quake

Rescuers believe they have found more bodies buried deep in the rubble of the ruined town of Amatrice, five days after a devastating earthquake struck central Italy, killing at least 290 people.

Residents of the hill town estimated that up to 10 people were still missing and emergency services said they had located three corpses in Amatrice's Hotel Roma, which, like much of the historic center, was wrecked by Wednesday's quake.

Deputy Mayor Gianluca Carloni said his uncle's body had still not been recovered from the hotel, which was particularly busy at this time of year because of a food festival.

"It is absolutely vital to finish as soon as possible this initial (search) phase to make sure that there are no more bodies under the rubble," he said.

Museums across Italy donated proceeds from their ticket sales on Sunday to help the rebuilding effort, while top flight soccer teams held a minute's silence before their weekend matches out of respect for the victims.

Pope Francis led prayers for the dead in his weekly address in St Peter's Square in Rome, saying he wanted to go to the earthquake zone to bring comfort to the survivors.

"Dear brothers and sisters, as soon as it is possible, I hope to come and visit you," he said.

Priests in the quake zone held their regular Sunday services in large tents. Amatrice's municipal website said the town had 100 churches, but every one was damaged by the disaster and many would have to be demolished.

With aftershocks continuing to rattle the region, including a magnitude 4.4 quake centered on the nearby city of Ascoli Piceno, residents were still struggling to absorb the disaster.

"It took me 20 years to get my house, and then, in just 10 seconds, it was gone, like so many others," said Ascenzio Attenni, who lived in the hamlet of Sant'Angelo outside Amatrice, where eight people died.

Debris following an earthquake in Amatrice, central Italy. GETTY IMAGES

"We have to thank God that we are alive," he said, before breaking down in tears.

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Merkel urges Turks not to bring conflicts to Germany

Germany is home to about three million people of Turkish origin.

German Chancellor Angela Merkel GETTY IMAGES

Chancellor Angela Merkel on Sunday urged people of Turkish origin living in Germany to take part in German society and not to bring conflicts taking place back in Turkey to Germany.

Relations between Berlin and Ankara, a key partner for the European Union in stemming the flow of migrants to Europe, are already tense after Germany's parliament branded the 1915 massacre of Armenians by Ottoman forces as genocide and a leaked government report alleged Turkey was a hub for Islamist groups.

"I keep saying that I'm their chancellor too and I think it's important to profess that and it's good if that is reciprocated by commitment to our country and not by bringing conflicts from Turkey to Germany," Merkel said in an interview with public broadcaster ARD.

Since a failed military coup in Turkey on July 15, tensions have mounted in Germany's Turkish community between supporters of Turkish President Tayyip Erdogan and those of a U.S.-based cleric that he blames for the coup.

Erdogan backers have demonstrated in several German cities since the thwarted coup, shops have been boycotted by rival sides and hate mail has been sent to anti-Erdogan politicians.

Merkel drew criticism for an interview published in Passauer Neue Presse newspaper on Tuesday, in which she said: "We expect those with a Turkish background who have lived in Germany for a long time to develop a high degree of loyalty to our country."

Some politicians said it was unnecessarily divisive at a time of tense relations between Germany and Turkey.

Asked in the ARD interview about the loyalty comment, Merkel said her main aim was not to allow conflicts in Turkey to play out in Germany.

"But rather, those who have been living here for years and perhaps also have German citizenship, take part in the development of our country and if they want to they are very welcome to do so," she said, adding that she could not force them to do so, however. REUTERS

BRIEF

Turkish army thrusts deeper into Syria, monitor says 35 villagers killed

Turkey's army and its allies thrust deeper into Syria on Sunday, seizing territory controlled by Kurdish-aligned forces on the fifth day of a cross-border campaign that a monitoring group said had killed at least 35 villagers.

Turkish warplanes roared into northern Syria at daybreak and artillery pounded what security sources said were sites held by the Kurdish YPG militia, after the Syrian Observatory for Human Rights reported fierce overnight fighting around two villages.

Turkey said 25 Kurdish militants were killed in its airstrikes and denied there were civilian casualties.

There was no immediate comment from the YPG, but forces aligned with the group have said it had withdrawn from the area prior to the assault.

Turkey, which is also battling Kurdish insurgents at home, sent tanks and troops into Syria on Wednesday to support its Syrian rebel allies. The Turkish-backed forces first seized the Syrian border town of Jarablus from Islamic State militants before pushing south into areas held by Kurdish-aligned militias. They have also moved west toward Islamic State areas.

Turkish officials say their goal in Syria is as much about ensuring Kurdish forces do not expand the territory they already control along Turkey's border as it is about driving Islamic State from its strongholds.

However, the Turkish offensive has so far focused on forces allied to the Kurdish-backed Syrian Democratic Forces (SDF), a coalition that includes the YPG, an Observatory source said.

The SDF has support from the United States — which sees the group as an effective Syrian ally against Islamic State, putting Turkey at odds with a fellow NATO member and further complicating Syria's five-year-old civil war.

The conflict began as an uprising against Syrian President Bashar al-Assad and has since drawn in regional states and world powers.

The Observatory, a Britain-based monitoring group with a network of sources in Syria, said Turkish-allied forces had seized at least two villages south of Jarablus, Jub al-Kousa and al-Amarna, that were held by militias loyal to the SDF. REUTERS

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TEAM TIME

TOM FOREMAN
Opinion

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Aside from their obvious strengths and weaknesses as candidates, both Donald Trump and Hillary Clinton need robust organizations to carry them over the finish line. This week, all three of my things to watch in politics are about team, team, team.

1. ALL TOGETHER NOW
A short while ago, when Bernie Sanders was still raging along the campaign trail, it seemed unclear if traditional Democrat power blocs would fully back Hillary Clinton as the nominee. Not anymore. She wrapped up last week with an endorsement from the Teamsters, which is a big signal to organized labor far and wide to get in line no matter how they may feel about her trade deals. Watch for the Dems to tighten their ranks even more this week, with a wide range of surrogates pushing the campaign's talking points ("We love millennials!") and gang tackling any controversies that come her way.

2. WE JUST DISAGREE
It remains shockingly uncertain whether folks on the right side of the aisle are ready to stand with their guy. Even with Donald Trump reorienting some of his more polarizing positions, many rank-and-file Repubs remain noncommittal. Just as it was a week ago: Keep watching for more high-level defections — big GOPers who say they'll back Clinton. Trump's power does not spring from his party's Washington elites, but their open criticisms are not helping. And the polls keep steadily chewing at his hopes for electoral wins not only in battlegrounds, but also in some states that are normally bright red.

Republican National Convention GETTY IMAGES

3. WHO IS IN THE HOUSE?
Hopes are rising for Democrats, and anxieties are skyrocketing for Republicans over the other races this fall. Put simply: If the GOP holds onto the House and Senate, the party won't care as much who wins the White House. But if the Democrats take over a chamber — or two — and win the Oval Office, it's a whole new world. Watch for a lot — I mean A LOT — more talk about the "down ballot" races in coming weeks.

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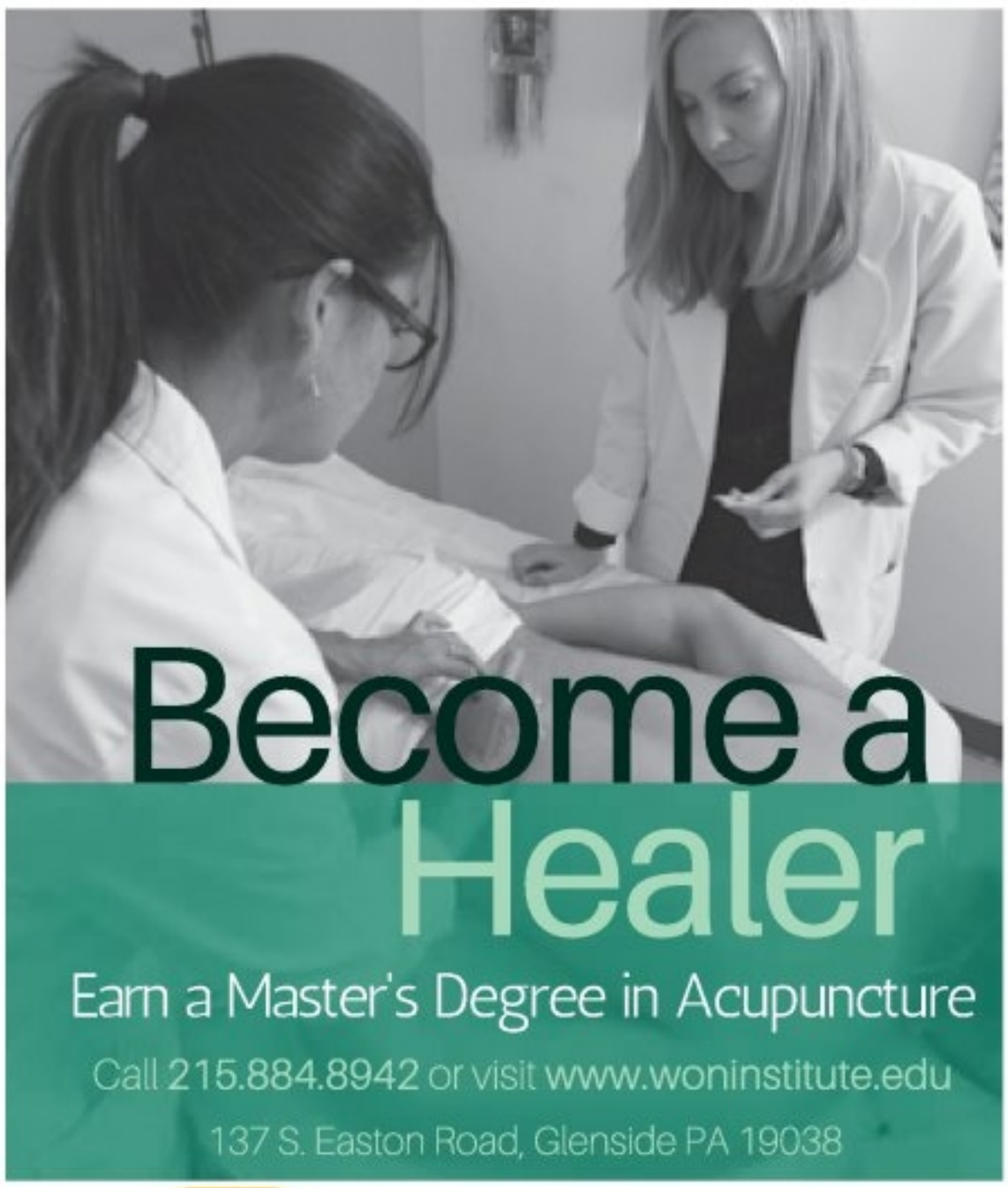

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Brothers charged in murder of NBA star's Dwyane Wade's cousin

Both were on parole, said Chicago police spokesman Anthony Guglielmi on Twitter on Sunday morning.

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Darwin Sorrells Jr.

Two brothers have been arrested and charged in the shooting death of basketball star Dwyane Wade's cousin in Chicago, a case that has emerged as a talking point in the U.S. presidential race, police said Sunday.

Darwin Sorrells Jr., 26, and Derren Sorrells, 22, are facing charges of first-degree murder and attempted murder in the death of Nykea Aldridge, a 32-year-old mother of four, who was hit in crossfire Friday while pushing her baby in a stroller.

Guglielmi described Derren Sorrells as a "documented member" of a Chicago gang called the Gangster Disciples and the older Sorrells as a "co-conspirator" who was "let out early" on a sentence of six years after his conviction on a gun charge from 2013.

It was not clear whether the brothers had a lawyer.

In a city with as many as 90 shootings a week, homicides in Chicago this year are on track to reach their highest since 1997, raising concern about a reversal in the declining rate of serious crime in the country's largest cities in recent years.

Aldridge's death has drawn national attention because of the connection to Wade, a 12-time NBA All-Star who signed a two-year, $47.5 million deal this summer to play for his hometown team, the Chicago Bulls.

Wade described his cousin's killing as "another act of senseless gun violence" on Twitter.

In a campaign speech in Iowa on Saturday, Republican presidential candidate Donald Trump said Aldridge's shooting illustrated why black voters would rally behind him, calling it an example of violence that Democrats have failed to address.

Earlier Trump was criticized for politicizing the killing, and for spelling the NBA player's name wrong, when he sent a Twitter message that read:

"Dwayne Wade's cousin was just shot and killed walking her baby in Chicago. Just what I have been saying. African-Americans will VOTE TRUMP!"

Hours later, Trump followed up with a Tweet that offered condolences to Wade's family. REUTERS

Former Obama aide calls Trump a 'psychopath'

A former top adviser to President Barack Obama on Sunday labeled Donald Trump a "psychopath," saying the Republican presidential nominee met the clinical definition of the personality disorder.

With a little more than two months to go before the Nov. 8 election, the comments by David Plouffe, a former senior adviser to President Barack Obama and manager of his 2008 presidential campaign, mark another escalation in a series of blows exchanged between Trump's camp and that of his Democrat rival Hillary Clinton.

"Basically, you have a psychopath running for president. I mean, he meets the clinical definition," Plouffe said in an interview on NBC's "Meet the Press".

When challenged, Plouffe acknowledged he had no degree in psychology but rattled off what he said were the New York businessman's symptoms: "grandiose notion of self-worth; pathological lying; lack of empathy and remorse."

The Trump campaign did not immediately respond to a request for comment.

Last week, Clinton accused Trump of fueling America's "radical fringe" with racist rhetoric, while Trump said Clinton was letting down black Americans with failed policies and called her a "bigot who sees people of color only as votes, not as human beings."

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After news broke that Rihanna would be receiving the Michael Jackson Video Vanguard Award at the VMAs, Drake congratulated the pop singer in the most over-the-top fashion: he bought her a massive billboard.

"Congratulations to Rihanna from Drake and everyone at OVO," the billboard, reads. The gesture didn't go unnoticed by Rihanna — on Friday, the 28-year-old singer posted a photo of the billboard to her Instagram account, with the caption "When he extra !!!" alongside a heart and trophy emoji.

Rumors have been swirling that the pair are secretly dating. And although Rihanna insists she's still single, her response to the Canadian rapper's most recent gift definitely adds more fuel to the fire.

We guess Drake really needs to "work" if he wants to win RiRi's heart for good!

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Diddy and Cassie are officially back together

It's official: Sean "Diddy" Combs and Cassie are back on. And what better way to celebrate than by throwing a lavish birthday bash?

Last week, TMZ reported that the on-again, off-again couple had called it quits following an argument that brought the cops to Cassie's home. But based on this weekend, it definitely looks like she and the 46-year-old hip-hop artist are back on.

On Friday evening, Diddy threw his singer girlfriend a 30th birthday party that involved a massive cake, tons of social media posts and plenty of celebrity guests.

Just ahead of the celebrations, Diddy posted a video montage of Cassie to his Instagram account, alongside the caption: "HAPPY BIRTHDAY BABY! @cassie I LOVE YOU ALWAYS. GOD BLESS YOU."

Despite the drama that went down last week, the party confirms that the two are still together and very much in love — we guess time (plus an awesome birthday rager) really does heal all wounds.

Usain Bolt parties, invites women back to hotel

It's been one week since the closing ceremony of the Rio Olympics, but Usain Bolt is still celebrating.

The nine-time gold medalist was spotted partying in London over the weekend, dancing at a nightclub until 5 a.m for the fourth night in a row. He then invited a group of "up to 10 women back to his hotel to continue the fun," according to People.

Meanwhile, Kasi Bennett, Bolt's girlfriend of three years, doesn't seem too pleased with the sprinter's partying lifestyle. Shortly after the photos of Bolt surfaced, the 26-year old model tweeted the hashtag "#SelfControl" from her Twitter account.

Earlier this week, Bennett also took to social media to like several fan comments alluding to Bolt's unfaithfulness during the Olympic Games. One user's tweet read: "@usainbolt you traded your life with a #goddess @kasi__b for a one night fling with someone who will never even come close. I can't."

How to deal with awkward questions on your first date

LAURIE DAVIS EDWARDS

Single and Swiping

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When not presented tactfully, "big questions" can be a chemistry killer. ISTOCK

If you're asked "When was your last relationship?" on a first date, you probably want just want to reply with, "Whoa, that is TMI." But there is an art to answering these big questions on first dates.

"Big questions" are different for everyone, but it's usually the one, awkward thing that makes you cringe to answer. For one of my clients, it was a date who asked her, "What would your parents think if you brought me home?" He was asking because he was black, and she wasn't.

Whether you're asked something deep like this, or something more standard — such as, "How is online dating going for you?" — discussing it on a first date can stunt the growth of your developing dynamic and be a chemistry killer. Big questions are always valid for the other person to ask, but it's your first date — you might not even end up liking each other enough to care about the answer.

Refuse to answer the question and you could come off as stone cold. But explain every thought you have and you've suddenly become way too vulnerable on a first date. Here's how to answer any big question you're asked ... without making it a big moment:

Acknowledge that it was a big question

You need to let your date know that they've hit a limit. Starting with something like, "Wow, that's a deep question for a first date!" will discourage them from pushing you on your answer.

Give a broad answer

Be honest and keep it short. It shows an openness to have these big discussions but puts it on a realistic, first-date level. For example, my client who was asked how her parents would handle differing races could have responded, "Oh, they're totally fine with it! They're super-accepting people."

Transition off the topic

Move on by asking your date a (nonawkward) question to move the conversation forward. It's a subtle hint that you're done discussing.

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The Claypool Lennon Delirium made festival rounds this year. GETTY IMAGES

A fantastical world

When Sean Lennon met bassist Les Claypool, a backstage jam led to a new prog project.

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Psychedelia and prog rock live in Sean Lennon's bones. It's what his father, John, helped pioneer with the Beatles. It's what he primarily listens to. And it's the taking off point for the Claypool Lennon Delirium, his new psych-pop musical project with Primus' legendary, whimsical bassist, Les Claypool.

"That music attracts me because it's very elaborate and sophisticated," says Lennon, who references the Mahavishnu Orchestra, King Crimson and even Miles Davis as some of the progressive artists he enjoys. "It takes a lot of work. It's ambitious. It's also fun. It's more dreamlike because it takes you from here to there — to different headspaces within one song."

His relationship with Claypool began when Lennon's band, the Ghost of a Saber Tooth Tiger, opened for Primus. After a jam session backstage where the two "clicked," Claypool invited Lennon to his California home studio, Rancho Relaxo, to write. It certainly worked: The duo had completed an 11-song album, called "Monolith of Phobos," about a month later.

"The first song that Les came in with was called 'Captain Lariat' and that sort of set the tone [for the record]," says the 40-year-old artist. "He had this whole mythology about this character named Captain Lariat who was sailing in the salty seas."

The entire album follows this tone, often melding dark, otherworldly tales with dense, proggy soundscapes.

"Bubbles Burst" tells the tale of Lennon's bizarre, fantasy-like experience hanging with Michael Jackson's pet chimpanzee at the Neverland Ranch. "The song wound up also being kind of a metaphor because Michael's friends were younger kids and he famously felt kind of childlike himself," adds Lennon. "There was something tragic about the fact that, as a chimpanzee, you can't be kept into adulthood [as a pet] because you become dangerous when you go through puberty."

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Another, "Cricket and the Genie," dives into the story of a boy who fantasizes about his antidepressants as they're a genie in a bottle that will solve his problems. "I was sick of hearing about kids who were withdrawing from SSRIs [selective serotonin reuptake inhibitors], or weird antidepressants that were pushed by big pharmacy companies onto people who might not necessarily need those drugs," says Lennon.

While the subject matter seems more serious than the duo's colorful, meandering musical tone, Lennon notes that it's almost intrinsic to their style.

"There's this sort of tension between Les' and my desire to just rock out and make music but also our tendency to tune into frequencies of topical events that are dark or difficult to deal with for all of us," he explains. "It's just there, so it manifests itself naturally."

Craig Robinson gets serious

The comedic actor scored an acting award at Sundance for playing a dad in "Morris From America."

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Craig Robinson plays a cool dad to a 13-year-old (Markees Christmas) in "Morris From America." A24

Craig Robinson isn't your typical comedic actor who goes serious. In "Morris From America," he plays a father and widower who's dragged his eponymous teen son (Markees Christmas) to Heidelberg, Germany. The movie's about Morris, especially his crush on a slightly older local girl (Linda Keller). But it's also about their unusual father-son-relationship, which is part filial, part friendly. Robinson won a Jury Prize award at Sundance for his turn, which is how the "Office," "Hot Tub Time Machine" and "This is the End" star wound up on "Mr. Robot."

Did you have your feelers out for something more on the drama side before this showed up?

I knew I had ambition, but there was no going after it. It was organic. It was challenging because it had a "Can you pull this off?" effect to it. But I also like this character. I liked his music; I liked the way he talked to his son. I'd never seen anything like their relationship, which toed the line between friendship and fatherhood. I liked the way he talked, period. His vernacular fit my rhythm.

You're sharing a movie with a young teen. How have your experiences acting with kids been?

It's funny: Kids are so prepared. When I had my TV show, "Mr. Robinson," there were kids on the show. When we auditioned them, it was amazing. Every kid that came in, it was like, "Who do we choose?" It would be the adults who came in and were like, "I just got this yesterday!" There was always something. I enjoy working with kids, when they get a little older. I did act with a 6-year-old once, and he was like, "I don't feel like it!" "OK, see all these people here? We're waiting on you." But 10 and up, they're great.

Social media and gadgets might not have destroyed them. It might make them more focused, more performative.

Pokemon Go, man! I mean, I don't even know why I said that. [Laughs] That's something I'll never, ever try. I'll never even attempt that. It's one thing to sit and play Centipede or Pac-Man. But now they're going in the streets.

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How is your German?

I just did the lines I had. It was funny, because I was playing a soccer coach, so they had me on the field. The other coaches are going, "Come on! Get the ball!" I was just yelling my lines, which were [starts clapping], "My wife is dead! Come on! My fingers are too fat to take the ring off!"

"Mr. Robot"

Since this film and the Sundance award you won, have you been getting more and more serious scripts and offers?

"Mr. Robot." I hadn't seen it, so when I got the call I watched it. I was like, "OK, you show me how you're going to fit me in there. We'll see." It was so secretive. They didn't even tell me what my role was. They gave me a description of my character, but I didn't find out what the role was till later.

How have you adjusted to doing that kind of show?

It's a learning experience. It's different than on a comedy set. I was bringing the comedy in between takes, but it's real over there. I had to be like, "Maybe I shouldn't be out here joking around." They want to keep it intense.

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When 17-year-old Aissatou Toure put her impressive tech skills to use, the coding newcomer decided to focus on an age-old problem: The gender-wage gap. Aissatou and four other teen girls created a Pac-Man-like video game called "Wage Rage" to address the inequality.

"We made a game that has a female player who collects coins, and tries to avoid discouraging men," says Aissatou. "We were always passionate about the idea."

The player has a bar that starts at 79 percent — how much the average full-time female worker earns for every dollar a man makes — and collects enough coins to reach one dollar, filling the wage gap.

Aissatou is one of 19 rising high school juniors and seniors who participated in this year's Girls Who Code Summer Immersion Program in New York, run in partnership with consulting firm Accenture and designed to inspire more young women to pursue careers in computing and engineering.

All participants come to the program with little to no coding experience, and leave with the ability to build websites and video games using HTML, pygame and Javascript.

In a male-dominated field with a reputation for macho, popped-collar-wearing "brogrammers," young women aren't always encouraged to enter computer science or engineering.

In part, that's why the summer program teaches girls more than just coding basics. Powerful women in tech serve as guest speakers, and girls leave with fundamental interviewing and speaking skills.

"Ultimately, they gained confidence and the bravery to go out there and say, 'I can do it, and I can do it just as well as a man can, whether it's computer science or some other field,'" says Tricia Barlow, Accenture's Girls Who Code partnership program manager.

The numbers are sobering: Though by 2020, there will be 1.4 million jobs available in computing-related fields, and U.S. graduates are on track to fill 29 percent of those positions, women are on track to fill just 3 percent.

However, Girls Who Code is rapidly working to level the playing field. It recently launched a #HireMe campaign, which helps build a direct pipeline to jobs for women majoring in high-tech fields. Today, nearly 20 companies (including Accenture) have committed to giving more women jobs post-graduation.

The sense of empowerment students gain from the program is reflected in their final projects, many of which addressed social issues the students felt personally affected by. 16-year-old Mildred Nyarko, another New York program participant, analyzed the portrayal of women in the media and created a website that taught young girls about feminism and body empowerment.

Though she'd taken a coding course in school, Mildred was one of the only girls in her class, and she hardly participated. Now, she hopes pursue a career in computing.

Says Mildred, "Before this [summer], I didn't have my life planned."

Brilliance in Brooklyn

Principal Nadia Lopez is revolutionizing education, one scholar at a time.

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When Nadia Lopez left the corporate world to join the New York City Teaching Fellows, she didn't anticipate starting a school in one of the city's poorest neighborhoods.

Now a highly regarded educator and the founder and principal of Mott Hall Bridges Academy, a public middle school in Brownsville, Brooklyn, Lopez is widely recognized for her ability to build bridges in education — whether they be between educators and the communities they serve, or across the many divides in our education system.

She chronicles the challenges and rewards of founding Mott Hall in "Bridge to Brilliance: How One Principal in a Tough Community Is Inspiring the World" (out Aug. 30).

When we caught up with Lopez, she was eager to talk about the importance of an education that goes beyond academics.

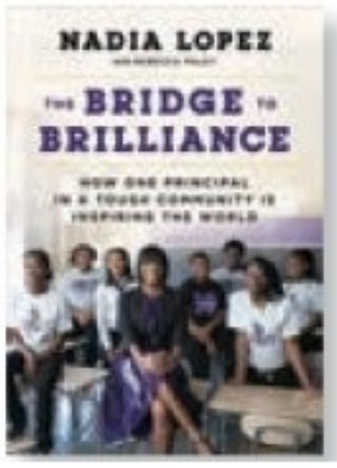
Nadia Lopez XPROVIDED

Even though you grew up in Brooklyn, you came into the Brownsville community as an outsider. How did you earn people's trust?

I guess the best way of saying it is that I was going to be on the ground to do the work, and showing up within the community — even just walking through the housing developments, and greeting people and introducing myself. The residents should be respected and honored. So I did that every single day [during the summer of 2010], walking every block of Brownsville.

You also lead gender-specific summits about issues affecting the community. Why is teaching beyond academics so important to you, and how does it connect to the school's mission?

Prior to opening up the school, I was doing a lot of youth-empowerment summits. Every summer, there's a tragedy that we have to deal with in the community, and I don't want my children to become jaded in terms of feeling like they don't have any value in this world. Also, I don't want them to think that they need to become a threat to law enforcement because they feel like law enforcement is a threat to them.



Your story came to public attention after a chance meeting between one of your students and a Humans of New York photographer. What advice would you give to other educators, many of whom go unrecognized?

I would say: Stay encouraged. You don't get immediate gratification, and it won't necessarily come from the administrators you work with or the children that you serve, but you have to understand you're here to serve a higher purpose, and in doing so, the fruits of your labor come five to 10 years from now.

What's one thing you want people to know about your students?

How brilliant the children of Brownsville are. And that's pretty much the premise of the "Bridge to Brilliance." I firmly believe that if you reaffirm your community, and the children you come in contact with, they will rise to the occasion.

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76ers' top pick Simmons says he and Embiid are 'like brothers' off court

Sixers fans get glimpse of what could be in Embiid, Simmons at Beach Bash.

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Joel Embiid took no mercy on a lucky few volunteering to play the 7-footer one-on-one this weekend. KYLE PHILLIPPI

If their relationship on the court is anything like it is off, Ben Simmons and Joel Embiid could be something special together for the Sixers. The duo's budding friendship has been well-documented on social media over the past few weeks.

During the team's 17th annual Beach Bash at Jack's Place in Avalon, New Jersey, on Saturday, the rookie pair was attached at the hip as eager fans showed their appreciation for what's to come between the two.

Embiid stole the show with a handful of dunks he threw down while Simmons garnered the most attention being the top pick in this year's draft.

If the success the fans expect is indeed going to happen, it's going to start with the health of Embiid, the transition of Simmons and how those two work off of each other.

Both are feeling good about what's ahead.

"He's a great player, so I'm looking forward to playing with him," Simmons said. "Off the court we're like brothers. We have fun."

"I feel 100 percent and ready to get started," Embiid said. "My summer's been great. We've been working out a lot."

Embiid remains the biggest question on the team as he expects to make his professional debut — and appear in his first meaningful game since Feb. 4, 2014 — when the Sixers host Oklahoma City on Oct. 26.

Sitting and watching his teammates for over two years has been excruciating for the 7-foot big man.

"It's been really tough," Embiid said. "The main thing is I haven't gotten the chance to play or help my teammates or play in front of Sixers fans. I'm looking forward to it and can't wait."

When the Sixers begin training camp, Embiid said there will be a few restrictions, but that's only to ease him back in and not because of any injury concerns. The Kansas product knows there's an expectation above his name and understands that it may be a slower start for him as he regains his form against live competition.

Once that happens, though, there's no looking back.

"I'm the type of guy that loves [to go] fast," Embiid said. "Once I get it, I'll be good. I'll do what's best for the team. They'll need my presence inside. When I'm open, I might find some things."

Simmons and Embiid have grown closer over the past few months, only adding even more excitement to a season in which the Sixers should actually start to gain back some relevancy. The No. 1 draft pick has been awaiting his first professional game for quite some time and is eager to be a part of the Sixers' revival.

Yet, no one has waited longer to do so than Embiid, and he can't stop smiling when he tells people he's finally 100 percent.

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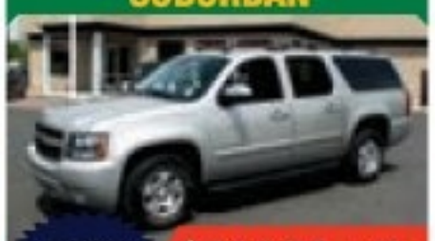

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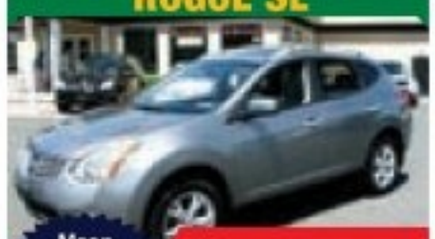

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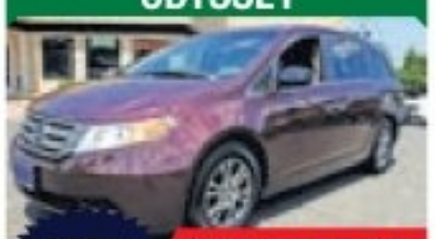

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Union finally create some much-needed separation in standings

Can Philly clinch a spot in the MLS playoffs?

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In a very busy week for the Union (11-9-7), the team picked up two wins, six points and separation in the tight Eastern Conference playoff race.

They ousted the Columbus Crew (5-9-11), 2-1, on Wednesday before doing away with Sporting KC (11-12-5), 2-0, at home on Saturday night.

The third-place Union (40 points) now have eight points of separation between sixth-place D.C. United (32 points) with just seven matches left to play. They're looking more and more like a playoff contender and are just three points out of first place in the East.

"I just told the guys that we shouldn't just be happy to get into the playoffs, we should be shooting for the top of the East," Union manager Jim Curtin said after Saturday's win. "You see a couple of the results go this night and it's not out of the question."

The stellar play of rookies Fabian Herbers, Keegan Rosenberry and Joshua Yaro has been a storyline for the Union all season, but this week held a little bit more meaning. The three rookies were all in the starting lineup for the first time all season this week, and their play solidified their spots for the foreseeable future.

In the team's win over Columbus, both Herbers and Rosenberry tallied goals in a crucial road victory. Against Sporting KC, Rosenberry and Yaro were workhorses defensively, helping the Union to just their sixth clean sheet of the season.

"When Ernie and I talk about players, we don't talk young or old, we talk good or bad," Curtin said. "We don't care how old they are, if they are good enough, we'll put them on the field. We're not scared to do that. We're a club that wants to be known as a club that gives good young players a chance to play. … We believe in giving those guys that opportunity and all of them have rewarded us with good performances and some wins."

The Union will head to Chicago next to face the Fire (5-12-8) on Saturday at Toyota Park. The match will air at 8:30 p.m. on the Comcast Network.

The Union have a week to prepare for the lowly Chicago Fire in an important match away from home next Saturday. GETTY IMAGES

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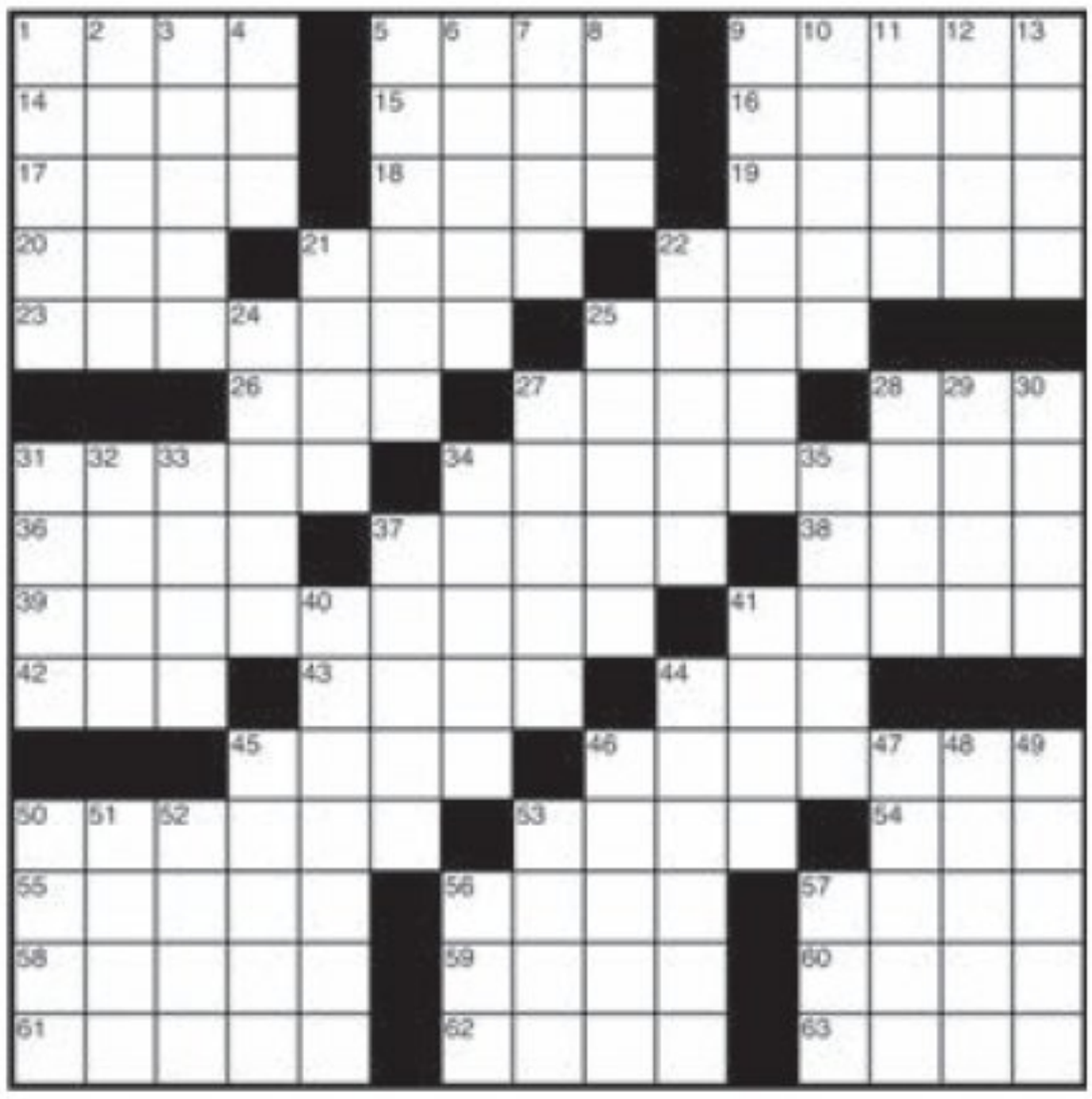

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Aries Tackle a competitive challenge and see matters through to the end. Your strength, courage and endurance will outmatch anyone who tries to mess with you.

Taurus Plan a trip or set up a meeting that helps you take the next step toward a brighter future. Networking functions will lead to an interesting proposal. Romance is highlighted.

Gemini Don't believe a smooth talker. Stick close to the people you know you can trust. Personal improvements will be your best bet. Don't settle for less when you can have more.

Cancer Recognize and employ your ability to manipulate situations to meet your needs. You have more going for you than you realize. Add a little spice to your love life.

Leo Emotions will mount if information is withheld. Get to the bottom of a situation before it has time to escalate. Your desire and devotion will lead you to success.

Virgo Someone else's demands should not get in the way of your progress. Distance yourself from anyone trying to put pressure on you. Follow your heart.

Libra You need to take control of your life. Diplomacy coupled with a stern demeanor will capture attention and help you get what you want.

Scorpio Favors will be granted and options will be given to you. Don't let your emotions or a stubborn attitude stand in your way. If you are proactive, success will follow.

Sagittarius Watch your step and don't say something that may be twisted or held against you. Moderation and keeping the peace should be your priorities if you want to avoid headaches.

Capricorn Do your own thing. Explore your inner self. Live, learn and experience life. Don't feel compelled to help someone who is pressuring you into doing something questionable.

Aquarius Show interest in the ones you love and discuss emotional concerns or hardships. Your attentiveness will be appreciated and will ensure that you get the same in return.

Pisces Visualize what you want and prepare to turn a project that interests you into something great. Don't let someone's selfish attitude cause you to miss out. **EUGENIA LAST**

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